GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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CHILD ADOPTION RACKETS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether operation of some child adoption rackets in different parts of the country have come to the notice of the Government;

(b) whether in the name of adoption of abandoned children, they have actually been sold in foreign countries; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in the matter?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a) No large scale racket has come to the notice of the Government. In the month of September, 2000 reports of such kind appeared in leading newspapers regarding dubious activities of Action for Social Development whose licence of inter-country adoption has already been suspended w.e.f. 16.6.2000. In the meantime, CID Hyderabad has found guilty the twin Organisations of Hyderabad i.e. Action for Social Development and Good Samiritan Evangelical and Social Welfare Association and they are being charge-sheeted under Section 468, 471 and 120(B) IPC. There are only few children in the custody of Action for Social Development which the State Government is considering to shift to its Shishu Vihar at Hyderabad.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.